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EPA Hosts Public Meeting Regarding the Blades Groundwater Site – Proposed for the National Priorities List (NPL) Proposal, Blades, Delaware:

On December 5, 2019, Region 3 hosted a public meeting at the Blades Volunteer Fire Department, located in Blades, DE to discuss the proposed NPL Listing of the Blades Groundwater Site. The meeting was advertised by multiple news outlets, and via a postcard that was sent on November XX to residents and businesses living within an approximate 1 kilometer (0.62 miles) radius of the Site. Additionally, press releases, door to door outreach, and an EPA paid ad was displayed in the local paper. The meeting's purpose was to provide an overview of the site, discuss the NPL proposal and the 60-day public comment period. EPA provided an overview of the known information regarding the groundwater contamination and the impacts to the Blades, DE drinking water public supply wells and residential wells. The sampling has identified metals and PFAS contamination in three public drinking water wells and eight residential wells that make up the wellfield. The Town of Blades continues to treat the raw water and its drinking water meets federal and state safe drinking water standards. The public meeting was attended by approximately XXX citizens, including Delaware State Senator, Gregory Lavelle, representatives for Senator Carper and Sokola, and representatives Hudson and Miro. Also, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) representatives, Town of Blades joined the meeting. The meeting was well received and attendees had great questions for the Site team members. Several media outlets were present at the meeting. A representative from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) was also present to answer any health-related questions. The Blades Groundwater Site was proposed to the NPL on November 8, 2019 and the 60-day comment period on the proposal will close on January 7, 2020. (C. O'Loughlin, 4-3304; A. Miles 4-5557, D. Taylor 4-3326, S. Nevshahirlian 4-3402, C. Thomas 4-5555, ATSDR: K. Markiewicz, 4-3149)